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SUBJECT: IBRD LOAN TO SOUTH YEMEN

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1. U.S. OPPOSED 5 MILLION DOLS. IBRD LOAN TO THE PDRDY
FOR THE WADI TUBAN AGRICULTURAL PROJECT BASED ON CONCERN
OVER THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY. THE
GENERAL US POLICY WHEN OPPOSING ANY IFI LOAN ON HUMAN
RIGHTS GROUNDS IS TO MAKE NO STATEMENT WHEN VOTING BUT TO
EXPRESS OUR VIEWS TO THE OTHER BANK DIRECTORS AND TO THE
PROPOSED RECIPIENT PRIVATELY. (IN THIS INSTANCE, OF
COURSE, THERE WAS NO OCCASION TO INFORM PDRY.) EVEN THOUGH
PROJECT WAS DESIGNED TO MEET BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, PDRY'S
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DEPLORABLE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD AND SUPPORT TO TERRORISTS
COMPELLED A NEGATIVE USG STANCE. WADI TUBAN PROJECT WAS
FIRST IBRD LOAN UP FOR CONSIDERATION FOR PDRY SINCE US
BEGAN APPLYING HUMAN RIGHTS CRITERIA TO IFI LOANS. IT IS
TO BE ANTICIPATED THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF SUBSTANTIAL
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, THE US WILL
ALSO OPPOSE OTHER FUTURE IFI LOANS TO THE PDRY.

2. RE QUESTIONS POSED PARA 2 REFTEL, PROPOSED CREDIT FOR WADI TUBAN PROJECT WOULD BE EIGHTH IBRD OPERATION IN PDRY, BRINGING TOTAL IDA (SOFT LOANS) COMMITMENTS THERE TO

43. MILLION DOLS. IBRD PROJECTS IN PDRY ARE AIMED MAINLY AT SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT'S LONG-RANGE ECONOMIC OBJECTIVE OF BROADENING BASE OF SERVICE-ORIENTED ECONOMY CENTERED ON ADEN, AND PROMOTING INVESTMENTS IN OUTLYING REGION.

3. 13,780,000 DOLS. HAS BEEN BUDGETED FOR 51 UN PROJECTS DURING FIVE-YEAR CYCLE 1977-81, 9,974,000 DOLS. OF WHICH IS EARMARKED FOR PROJECTS BEGUN BEFORE 1976. PROJECTS ARE SPONSORED BY FAO, UNESCO, UPU, UNIDO, WHO, AND ILO.

4. PDRY HAS RECEIVED ABOUT 44 MILLION DOLS. IN THE IMF CREDITS TO DATE. VANCE

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